

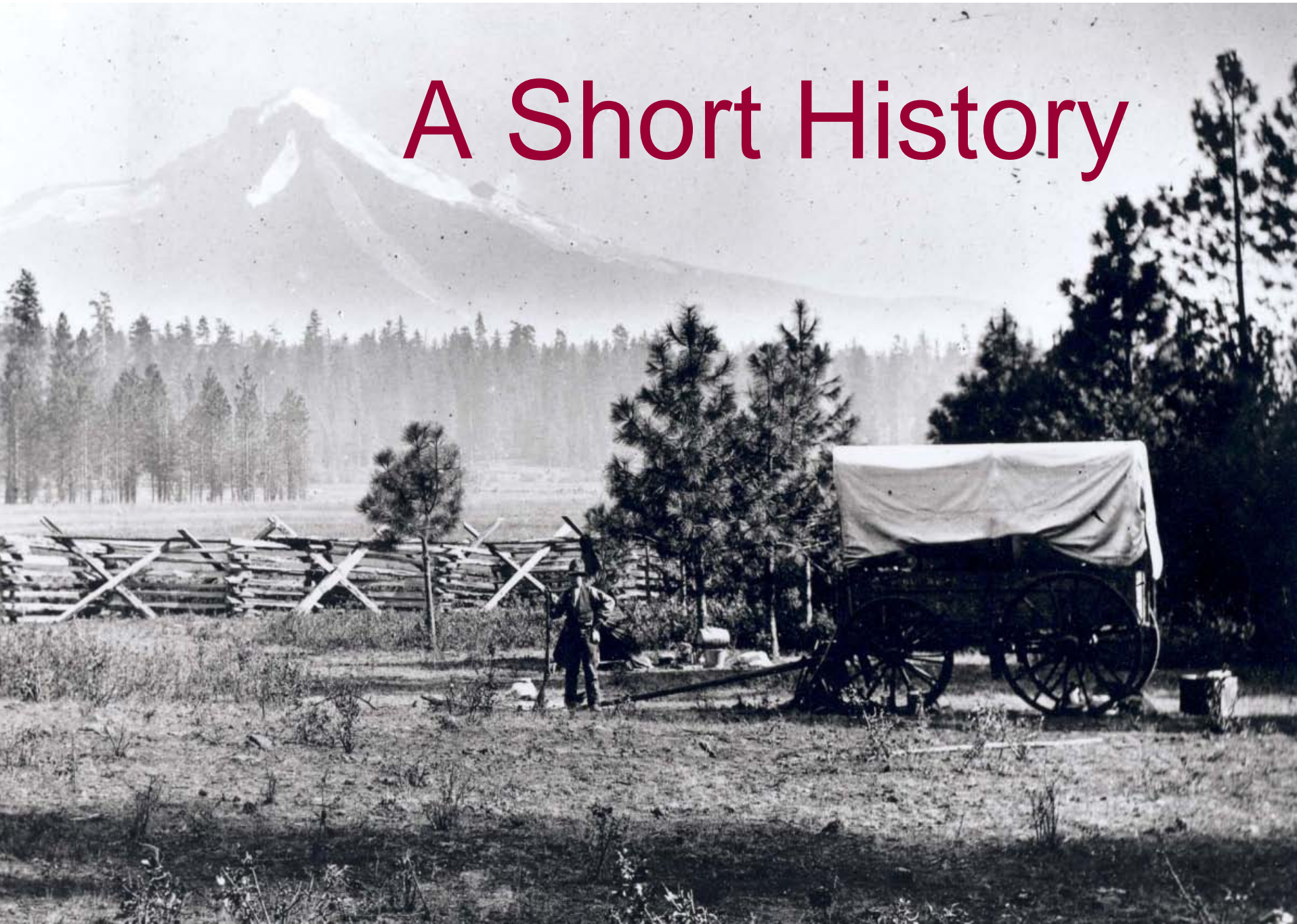
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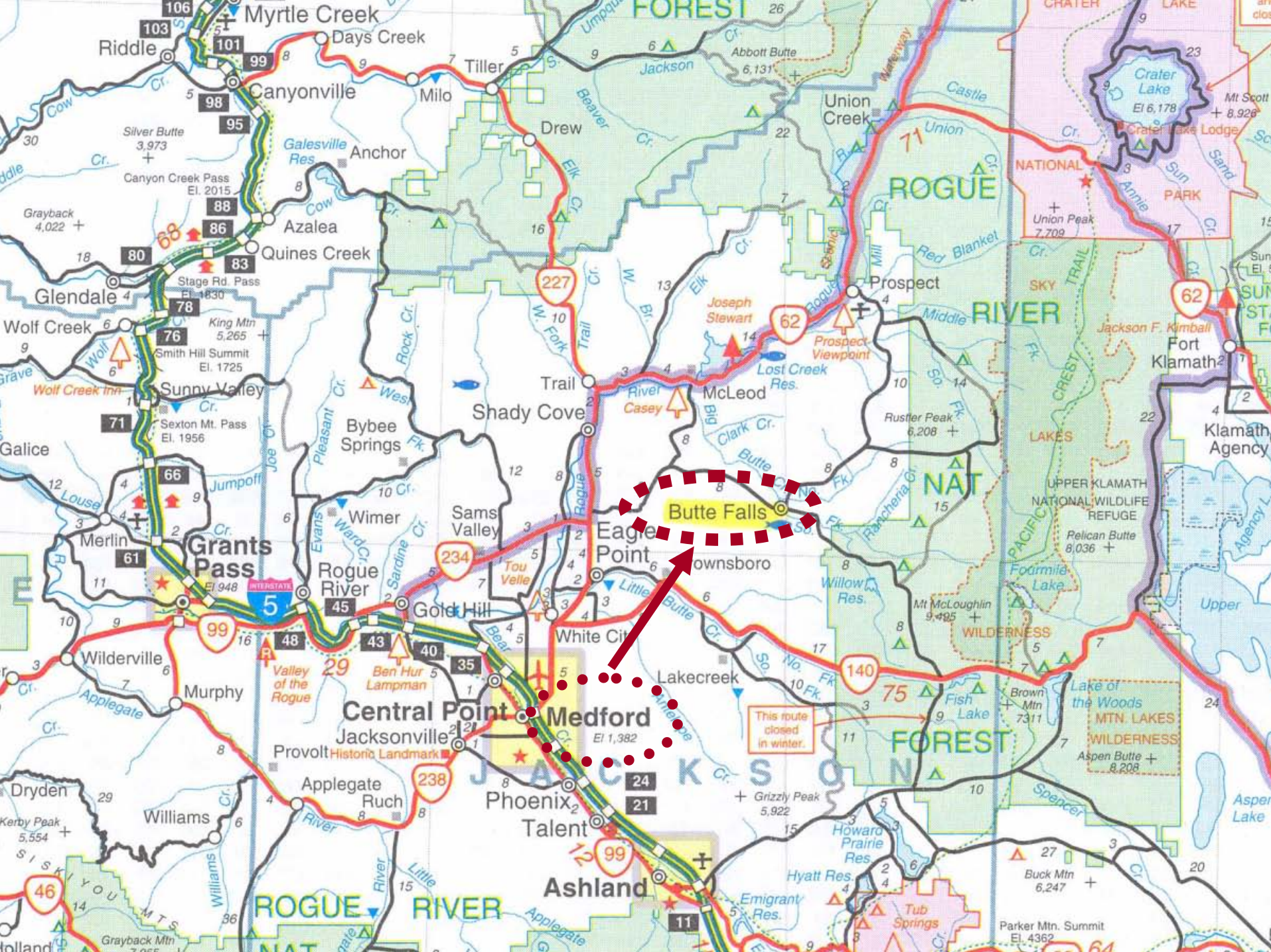
Butte Falls

"The Land of Pure Water, Pure Air, Sunshine and Health"

HOME OF THE
STATE CHAMPION LOGGERS

A Short History









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FREDENBURG LOT.



WHERE B. H. HARRIS WAS GUSHED FROM
PLATFORM AND WASHED OVER FALLS

BUTTE FALLS SAWMILL AND FALLS
44 FT HEAD POWER USED
HARRIS 43645





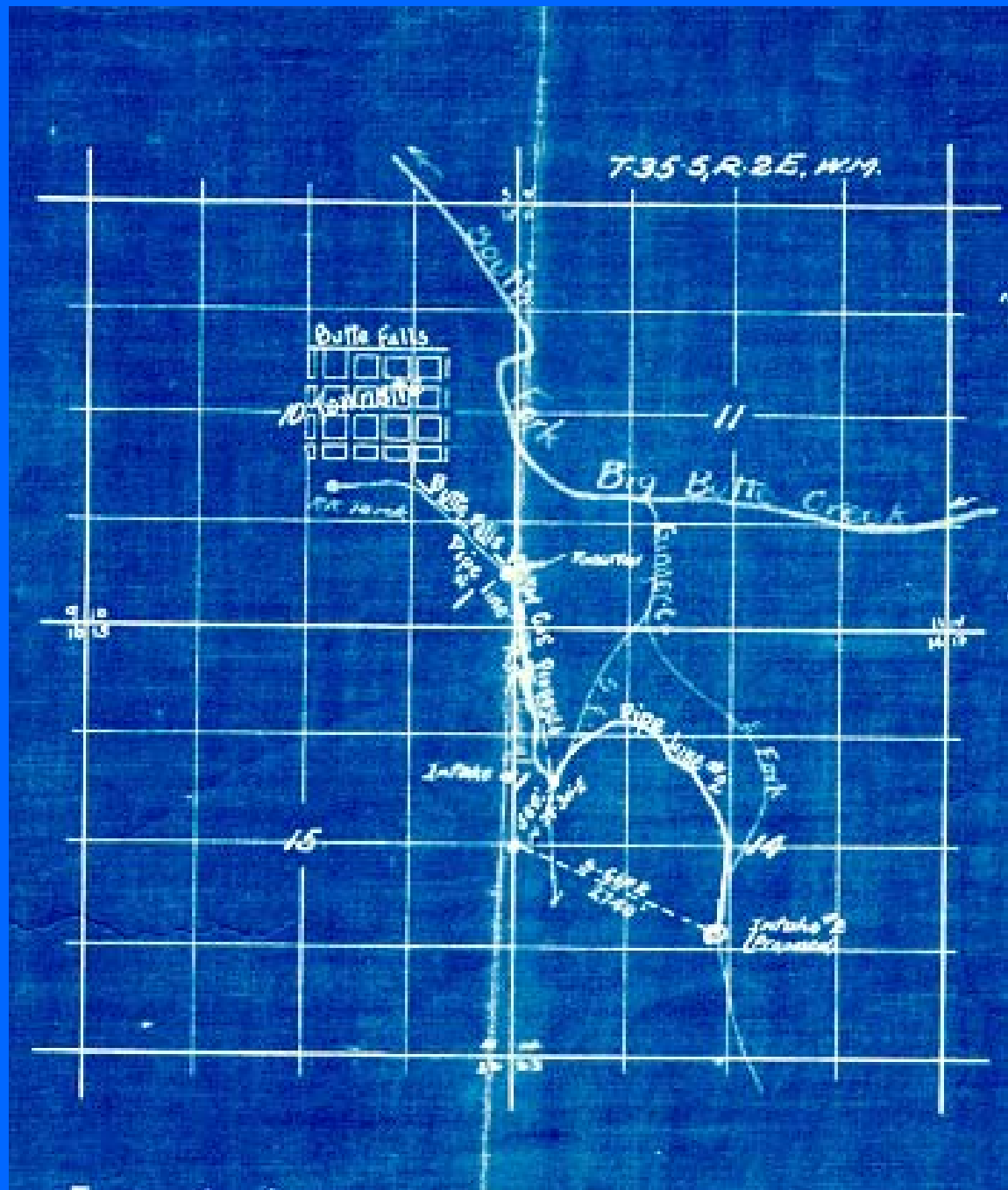








1911 Plat







WATERSHED
CONTACT
TOWN OF
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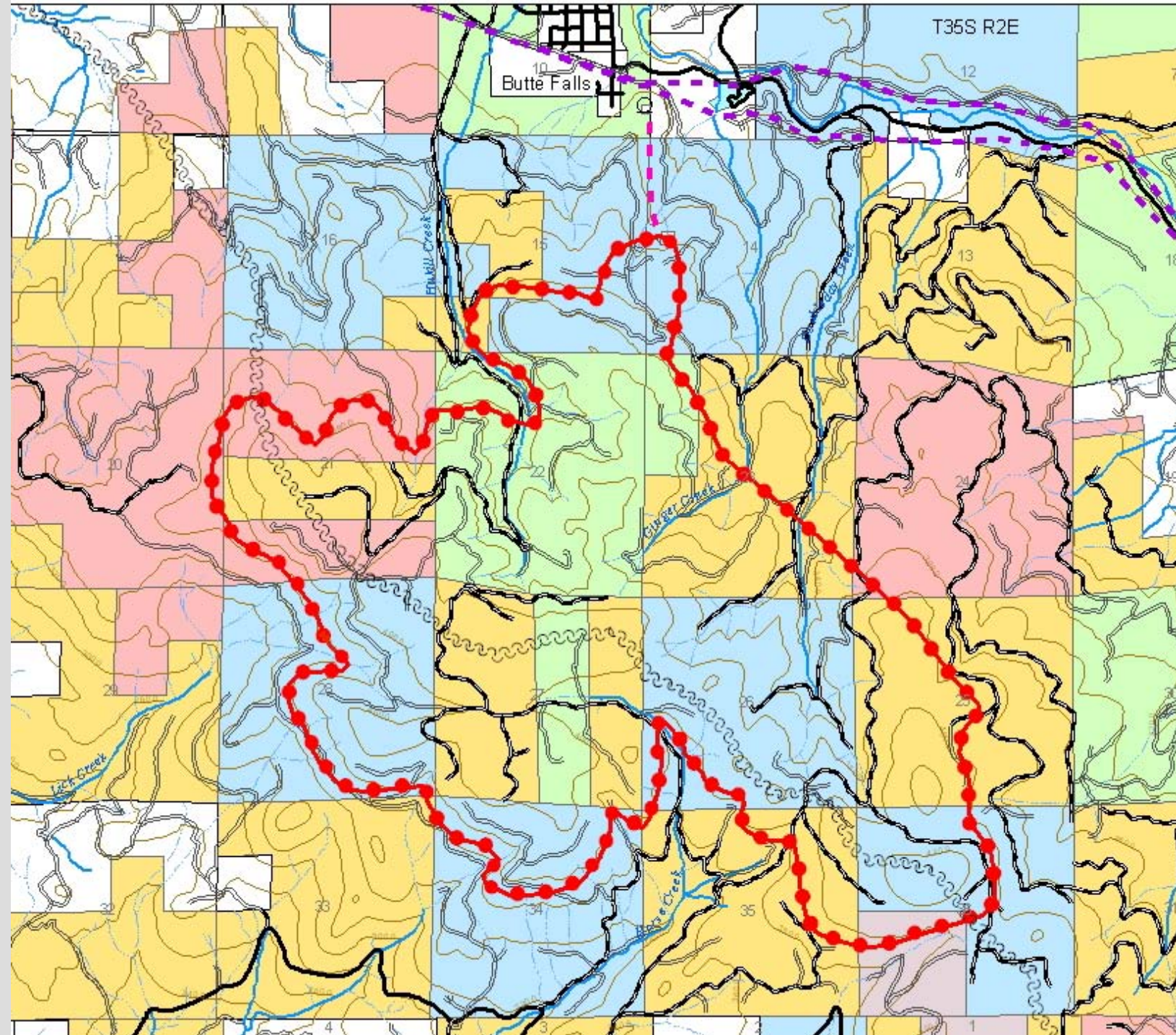
the BIG spring box

the small spring box



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Butte Falls







August 29, 1994

BUTTE FALLS, TOWN OF
SCOTT MALLORY
PO BOX 268
BUTTE FALLS OR, 97522

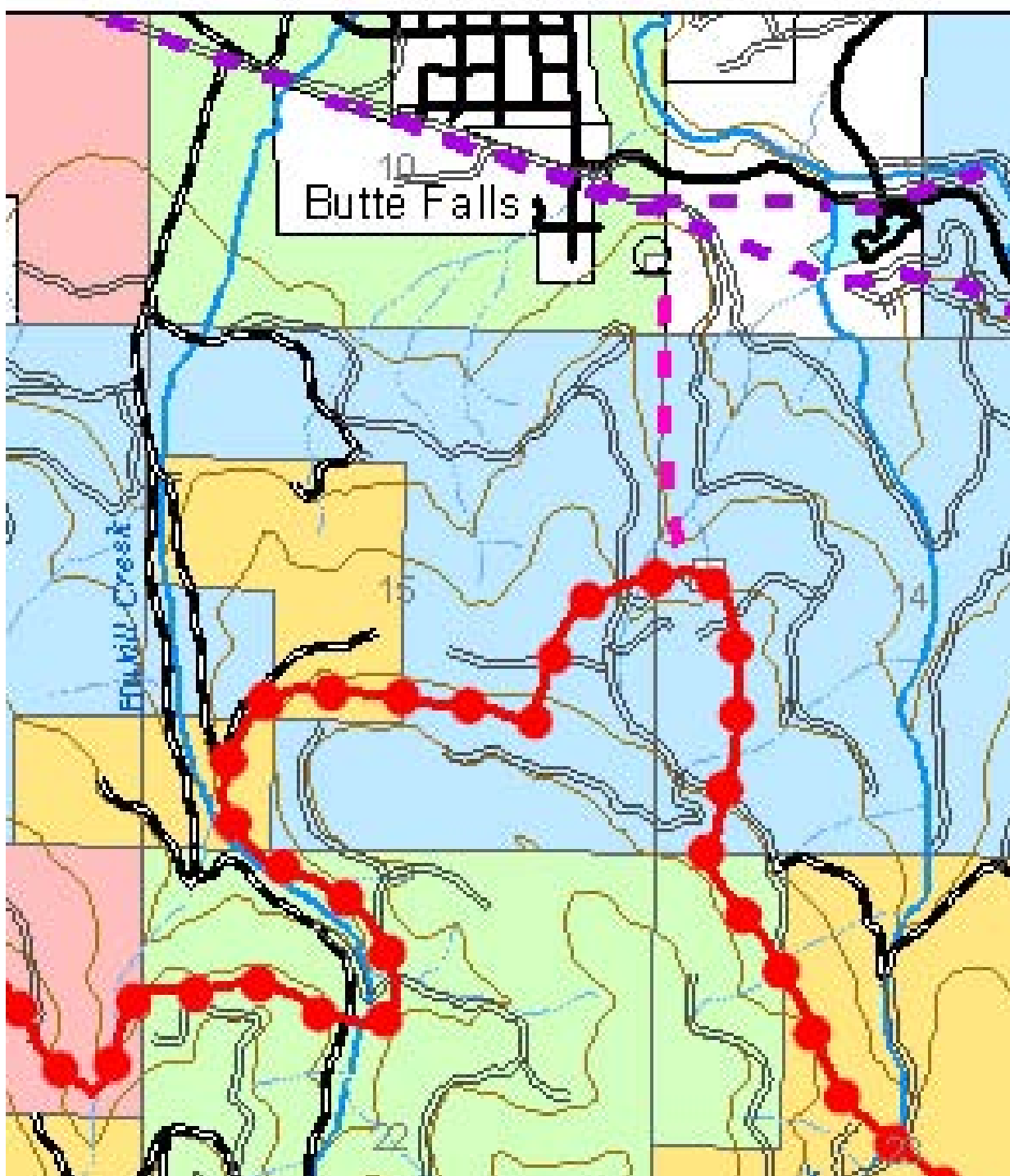
Dear Water System Operator:

The sources your water system uses are classified as ground water sources. Ground water sources do not need to report turbidity readings to the Drinking Water Program. You may take readings for your own use but please do not send the reports in.

So you may save time and postage by keeping the reports at your end.

If you have any questions please give me a call.

Patrick Meyer MPH, RS
Monitoring and Compliance
Drinking Water Section

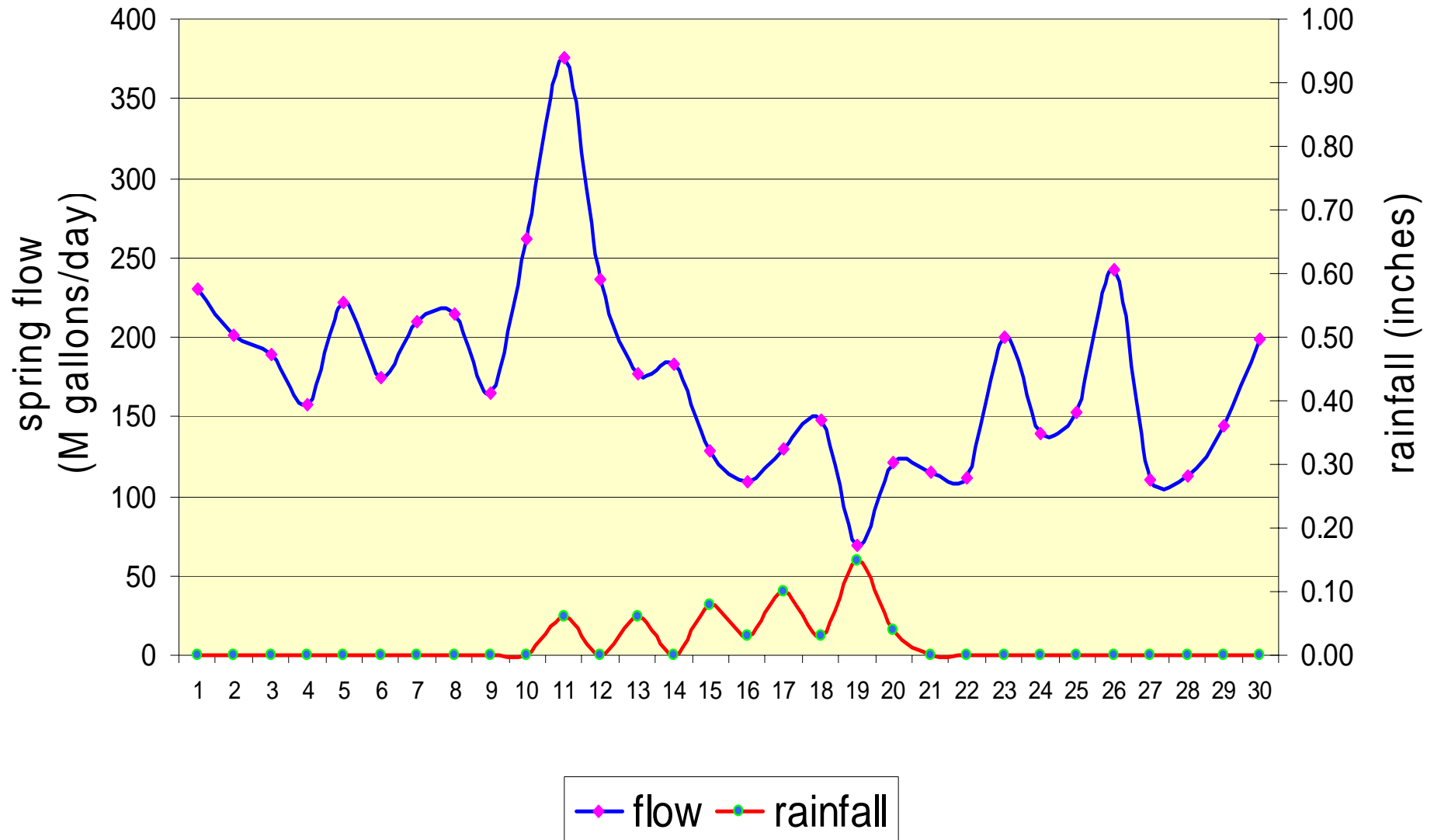


CAUTION
UNDERGROUND
WATER PIPE
CONTACT TOWN OF
BETTE FALLS



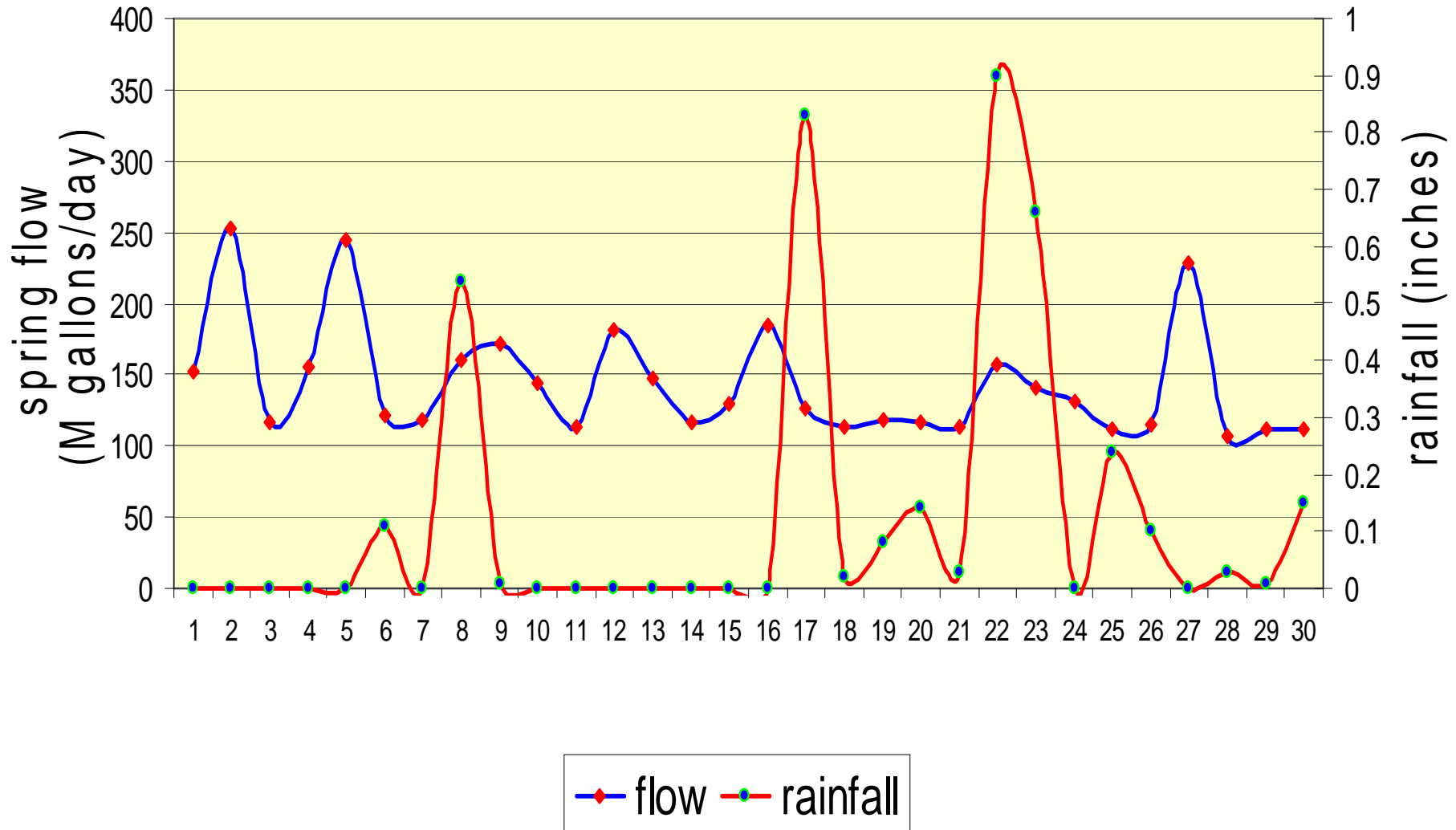
Ginger Springs Discharge

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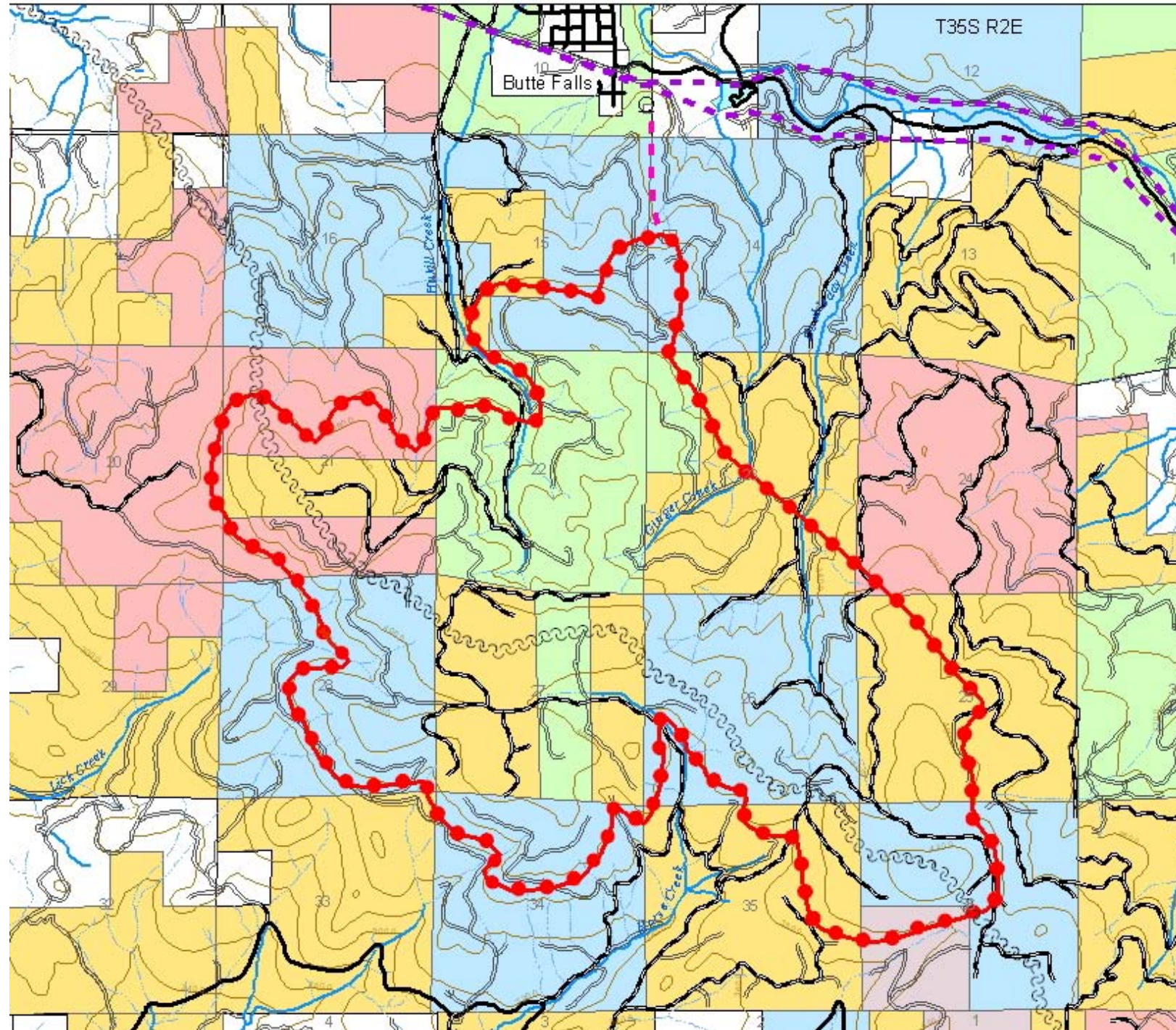
Land Ownership

in Ginger Springs Watershed

	BLM	Perpetua	Superior Lumber	Coast Range	KOGAP	Town of Butte Falls	Total
Ginger Springs Watershed (acres)	1355	1480	832	286	37	1	3991
Percent of Ginger Springs Watershed	34	37	21	7	1	.00003	100

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Co-Operation

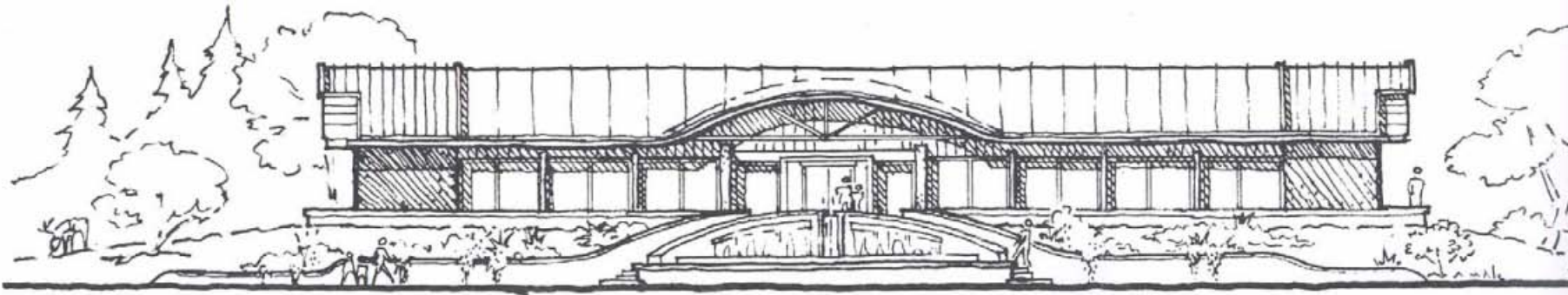


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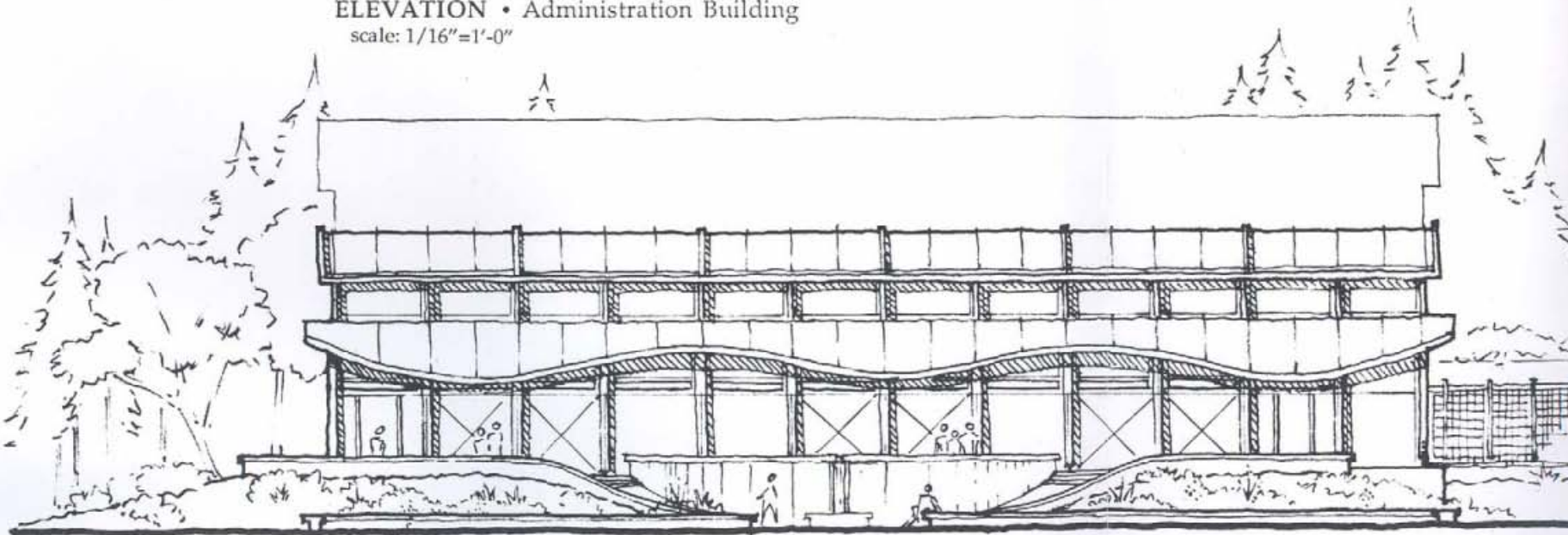
— **John Neilson**

Neilson Research Laboratories

Waterbottling Master Plan Proposal (1997)



ELEVATION • Administration Building
scale: 1/16"=1'-0"



ELEVATION • Water Production Building
scale: 1/16"=1'-0"



JUDITH GAGGE AWARD
Local Representative
Lambert, TN



BUTTE FALLS DISCOVERY LOOP TOUR



The Future ..



.. in a Bottle





Butte Falls plans to sell water

By **MELISSA MARTIN**
of the Mail Tribune

BUTTE FALLS — A town long proud of its mountain spring water hopes to soon be selling its surplus, now that Superior Lumber has donated a three-acre site for a bottling plant near Ginger Springs.

"We could market it as baby's first water," said Joyce Hailicka, a grant writer and Butte Falls resident.

The purity of Ginger Springs water is unmatched, says resident Bill Tucker, a former logger who's now working to make the bottling plant a reality.

Every morning public works employee Pete Vorbek drives to the town's reservoirs about a half-mile from the source to take a sample of Ginger Springs water, testing its turbidity and chlorine level. Federal rules required Butte Falls to begin treating its water with chlorine in 1978.

"We would divert the spring water before it reaches the chlorination process," Tucker says.

The water would be piped 500 yards downhill to the acreage that was donated for the bottling plant. The water would be treated with carbon filters, ultraviolet steriliza-

tion and de-ionization, according to a master plan the town wrote last October.

Ginger Springs has a reputation for being pure, according to John Neilson of Neilson Research Laboratories Corp. The lab tests the water from Butte Falls and a dozen other Southern Oregon cities.

"Ginger Springs has had a clean history from 1985 on; a beautiful, clean record," says Neilson. "It's a good, high-mountain spring water. It's an excellent idea to bottle it."

Butte Falls has wanted to share its wealth with the world for more than two decades. Former mayor Ron Orman bottled Ginger Springs water on the steps of the Butte Falls tavern he used to own, attaching a label depicting his tavern band and mailing 300 to 400 bottles. A case ended up at an Air Force Base in Kansas and a bottle made it into the

hands of President Ronald Reagan, Orman says.

"It was just a gimmick to get people to come up here and spend money," Orman says.

"We used old wine bottles, washed them out, filled them with tap water from the kitchen — that was before the water was chlorinated — and sealed them. I think we spent \$15 total for the labels."

Today, bottling plant enthusiasts envision something more like Crystal Geiser's au-

tomated plant in Weed, Calif., where the water is bottled near its source at the base of Mount Shasta.

The master plan for the Ginger Springs Water Bottling Facility calls for a \$1.59 million, tourist-friendly building employing six to eight people. There would be a museum, conference rooms, gift shop and forested landscaping.

"Schools could come here for

field trips and everyone would leave with a free bottle of Ginger Springs water," Hailicka says.

Hailicka is pleased about the Superior Lumber land donation. Another step to making the bottling plant a reality is the city's overhaul of its water system, she says. Crews will install a valve and pipes to divert spring water to the bottling plant as they complete a \$1.6 million water project in Butte Falls.

"I'd like to see trucks leaving here loaded with cases of drinking water," Tucker says. "We want to establish a new source of income for a town that's been impacted by cuts in the timber industry."

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Nov. 12, 1999

The Bulk Plant



Butte Falls Mill, 1917





The Old Mill site ..



.. reclaimed by timber.



